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**SUPPORT THE CHILE AND SINGAPORE  
FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS**

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Dear Colleague:

In today's global markets, it has become increasingly easier for criminals to steal intellectual property. Whether this theft takes the form of pirated music, stolen or falsified software authentication features, or counterfeited trademarks, it has a severe impact on our industries and our economy.

Exports and foreign sales of U.S. copyrighted products alone total \$100 billion, which helps the national balance of trade. The intellectual property found in our country is a result of American creativity. When properly commercialized, these works lead to jobs, profits, and a better quality of life.

We must have international cooperation to ensure our intellectual property is respected and protected. These agreements contain the highest levels of protection for intellectual property that have been seen thus far in bilateral or multilateral trade agreements.

The strong protections in these agreements set a good precedent for future free trade agreements. I urge my colleagues to support the Chile and Singapore Free Trade Agreements.

Sincerely,

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